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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION: PRESIDENT NIXON'S REPLY TO PRIMIN

MUJIB'S APPEAL

REF: DACCA 3925

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRIMIN MUJIB IN RESPONSE TO HIS AUGUST
30 APPEAL FOR REPATRIATION ASSISTANCE.

BEGIN TEXT:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON THE RECENT AGREEMENT
REACHED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN, WITH THE
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ACTIVE CONCURRENCE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, CONCERNING THE REPATRIATION

OF PERSONS STRANDED BY THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF 1971.

"I APPRECIATE HOW DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN. THE VISION AND STATESMANSHIP WHICH THE AGREEMENT DEMONSTRATES ON THE PART OF ALL CONCERNED ARE A GOOD SIGN FOR THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH ASIA.

"YOUR REQUEST FOR UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE IN THE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH IS RECEIVING OUR URGENT AND MOST SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HAPPY AND PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND REHABILITATION EFFORT IN YOUR COUNTRY. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED TO PLAY A SIMILAR ROLE IN THIS IMPORTANT HUMANITARIAN UNDERTAKING.

"TO THIS END, WE ARE CONSULTING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AMONG OTHERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THOSE OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN REGARDING THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE INDICATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS.

"AGAIN, I AM PLEASED TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND TO YOUR PEOPLE CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT THAT HOLDS GREAT PROMISE FOR PEACE IN SOUTH ASIA. AS YOU AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN PROCEED IN CARRYING OUT THIS AGREEMENT, YOU WILL HAVE THE CONTINUING GOOD WISHES AND SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES."
END TEXT.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE TEXT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD BDG WISH TO DO SO.

3. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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